

# TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI.

West Point, Miss., Feb. 17, 1903.  
To My Fellow Citizens of the State of Mississippi:

Hon. A. F. Fox, of this place, having announced himself a candidate for governor at this late day, I deem it but justice to myself to submit to you a statement for your consideration and judgment, and I am willing to trust to your fairness for a just verdict on the issues involved.

In the early part of 1896, Mr. Fox and myself were both avowed candidates for the position in Congress made vacant by the promotion of Hon. H. D. Money to the senate. Mr. Fox came into my office to so adjust the matter that we might not be candidates against each other. After some conversation I asked him what method of adjustment he suggested, and he answered he would leave it to me to say.

Thereupon I told him since he was generous enough to leave it to me to say how it should be adjusted, I would withdraw in his favor. And pursuant to this agreement I published a card withdrawing in his favor. Some time afterwards when I was in the legislature at Jackson I received a letter from Mr. Fox, stating that my friends in a number of the counties were still withholding their support from him with the expectation that I was or would be a candidate, and in this letter from Mr. Fox he requested me to write my friends notifying them that I was not in the race.

And pursuant to this request from him I published the following additional letter:

Jackson, Feb. 20, 1896.  
Editor of the Clarion Ledger:

There seems to be an impression with some of my friends throughout the State, and more especially in the Fourth congressional district, that I am or will be a candidate for Congress in the coming election. By way of explanation it is proper for me to say that one time I did intend making the race, but my friend, Hon. A. F. Fox, of Clay, having announced himself as a candidate for the position in question, I declined to run against him. We are citizens of the same town, members of the same bar and the most cordial relations have always existed between us, and for these reasons, I think my friends will fully justify me in the course I have adopted.

I am not now, or will be, a candidate for Congress in the coming election. This has been fully understood between me and Mr. Fox from the beginning. If I were in the race he would not oppose me, and I allow no map to be more generous to me than I am to him. I am deeply grateful to my friends for their great kindness in this matter, and shall always strive to be worthy of the esteem they have manifested in their desire to place me in this exalted position. Mr. Fox is one of the foremost men of the State, and well worthy of any position in the gift of the people, and has my unqualified support in this race.

FRANK A. CRITZ.

In the face of these facts I submit it to you, the people, to decide whether Mr. Fox's conduct in thus entering this race after I have been in the canvass for several months is generous or fair.

Mr. Fox states that "recently, however, there has been such a general demand from every section of the State for my candidacy as to me amounts to a command which I have no right to disregard." I would like to ask you, each individual voter, if you joined in this demand or were in any way consulted about Mr. Fox's candidacy. If there has been any such demand from West Point or Clay county I have never heard of it. Mr. Fox in his announcement seems to think that the public's good demands his services, to which I would reply that this is a matter about which a man is very easily deceived. As to whether or not there is such a general demand for the services of Mr. Fox and as to whether or not the public's good demands his services at this time, I desire to leave to the verdict of the people at the ballot in the coming primaries.

I have an abiding faith in the justice of the people, and believe they will demand fair play of those who seek position at their hands.

Thanking my friends all over the State for their cordial and loyal support and assurances of continued support, I am,

Very respectfully,  
FRANK A. CRITZ.

## Notice to Tax Payers.

The assessments made by the State Revenue Agent for back taxes in this county have been placed in my hands for collection and all citizens are notified to pay the same within thirty days from this date or they will be assessed with ten per cent. damages. J. T. ARMSTRONG, Tax Collector.

Beard's spring line of men's shoes is unexcelled. They're snappy, they fit, they wear. They're every pair guaranteed. You should see them.

## South Caledonia.

A bran new and pretty little babygirl is the crowning delight in the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey.

Mr. J. M. Conner, late of East Columbus, is now advertising for Mr. T. G. Johnson, of Fayette, Ala., at whose establishment later his friends will find him ready to serve them with fine whiskies and wines.

It is reported in this city that Mr. France Henderson, of West Lamar county, Ala., is missing. Mr. Henderson went to Aberdeen last Monday, to-day one week ago, where it is said he bought a bill of goods of two different firms and was last seen about seven miles from Aberdeen on Tuesday morning going in the direction of his home. Many theories have been advanced but up to this time no trace of the missing man or his wagon and team have been discovered. The absolute disappearance of Mr. Henderson and his wagon and team seems plunged in mystery.

Among other arrivals in the city last Friday we note from the record of the Burton hotel the names of two well known traveling men, Messrs. Reed and Crockett. Mr. Reed was here in the interest of Arnold, Hunter, Doyle & Co., of Knoxville, while Mr. R. P. Crockett represents Murray, Debbrell & Co., of Nashville, Tenn. We hope the stay proved both pleasant and profitable to both gentlemen.

The most notable social event of this season occurred last Friday evening at their home in West Caledonia when Mrs. Myrtle Sanders assisted by her husband, Mr. Simp Sanders, entertained a large number of the small children with a Valentine drawing. A prominent feature of the evening's amusement was the bounteous serving of refreshments which consisted of cakes, fruits, candies, etc., after which, when juvenile plays had been indulged in to their content, the children went to their homes leaving their best wishes to bless Mr. and Mrs. Sanders for the pleasure of the occasion.

Hon. A. L. Myers informed the writer that Rev. G. O. Hubbard has turned in through this office a petition to the postoffice department at Washington for a rural free delivery route to penetrate the Wood neighborhood. The petition carries the names of three persons who have applied for the position of carrier. They are Messrs. Joe Perkins, Thad Dowdle and Thomas Morris, the present efficient postmaster at the Wood office. The paper is a strong one and meets all of the prerequisite conditions necessary to secure inspection. The paper left this office Saturday, the 14th instant, and is now in the hands of the people's able and trusted representative, Hon. E. S. Candler at Washington, who will promptly and forcefully present it before the department there. With such conditions prevailing we can but regard the undertaking as a success.

February 16, 1903.

## What Will It Mean?

The officers and directors of the Tombigbee Mills are close-mouthed and non-communicative concerning the proposed sale of their mill to the Southern Textile Company. The terms upon which the mill will be sold are not known and it is only a matter of surmise and speculation.

Without stating positively it would not be surprising if the sale of the Tombigbee Mills, if it is consummated, will result in another cotton mill being established here. Those interested have made money out of the cotton mill business and if they sell their present plant it may be expected that a larger and more modern plant will take its place, perhaps on the line of the railway. These are matters of speculation and conjecture, however, as those interested will not talk not even not for publication.

Freesia blooms. Laws.

## WE DON'T EXPECT TO MOVE

OR GO OUT OF BUSINESS...

But we wish to say to our friends and the public generally that we have an immense stock of well bought Furniture, and are prepared to meet any competition. It will do you good to call and see for yourself. It is always quite a pleasure for us to show you through.

GUNTER BROS.

Main and Market Streets.

## Mississippi Matters.

It is announced that all of the railroads in Mississippi on or about the first of March will issue new tariffs which will clearly set forth all the local rates in the State. This decision results from a suggestion of the Railroad Commission at a meeting with the leading railroad officials some time ago at which time a reduction of about twenty per cent. on all State rates was offered as a solution of the complaints coming from all sections of the State.

Alex Smith at Poplarville, Tom Swor at Raleigh, and Emanuel Walker at Indianola were hanged last Wednesday for murder. Joe Campbell was taken off the scaffold at Yazoo City to be used as a witness against others implicated in the crime in his confession. Campbell had the black cap on, the noose adjusted and the doctors had pulled their watches in anticipation of the drop when the respite came. The condemned man is respite for ten days. The next execution occurs at West Point next Friday when Mose Cousins will be hanged.

The prohibition convention was held in Jackson last Tuesday and the session was a most successful one, about one-half of the State being represented and the preponderance of the delegates being composed of ministers. The committee on resolutions was composed of a number of able men, Rev. J. A. Bowen, of Tupelo, being the chairman and among the members being Bishop Charles B. Galloway. The committee was divided and their report was understood to be a compromise measure, which favored the next legislature submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution of the State prohibiting the sale of whiskey in the State and should it pass a statute prohibiting the sale is suggested until the amendment can be inserted in the Constitution. All delegates to the convention voted for the resolution except the officers and delegates of the W. C. T. U. who explained that an imperfect understanding of its provisions was responsible for their refusal to vote.

## Preaches In Jackson To-day.

Rev. Donbar Hunt Ogden, responding to a second invitation, is filling the Presbyterian church pulpit of Jackson, Tenn., to-day. While not given out that he has been invited to that city with a view of extending him a call to take the vacant pastorate, it is generally understood that this is the object and purpose of the invitation which has been extended him.

The First Presbyterian church of Jackson is one of the leading Presbyterian congregations of the State of Tennessee. It had as its former pastor the eloquent, gifted and magnetic Matthews, who did a world of good in that community in not only building up his church, but in building hospitals, establishing night schools and other such undertakings. It is well known that since Mr. Matthews' departure the members of the church have been unable to get a man to take his place. Many have been invited but none called.

Mr. Ogden has been invited to preach a sermon in that city and it would not be surprising if he received a call to succeed Mr. Matthews. It is not the first time that the pulpit of the local church has been called upon to fill prominent pulpits and it will not be the last. Rev. W. S. Jacobs went from this city to McKendree church, Nashville, and now it seems that our friends across the line north are again after one of our most gifted and promising young men.

Even should Mr. Ogden receive a call it is extremely doubtful if he would accept it. His congregation is charmed and delighted with him and he is doing a splendid work here which the entire community would regret to see him surrender.

## A. W. Hawks Is Coming.

At the College Chapel next Friday night A. W. Hawks, the well known lecturer, will appear. Mr. Hawks is a humorist without coarseness; a wit without waggingness, and a platform speaker without a peer. He is a gentleman of rare ability and never fails to instruct and elevate his hearers. He is master of the emotions and can be grave or gay, pathetic or humorous as occasion demands. He has the united and unqualified endorsement of the clergy and press wherever he appears. Mr. Hawks comes to Columbus under the auspices of the Lyceum Association. Let everybody go and hear him.

We have secured the agency for the famous "LeMaire Eye Glasses" and are now prepared to serve our friends and patrons with a line of goods which we know to be excelled by no other make. If your eyes are at all weak call at our store and let us fit you up. Satisfaction guaranteed. MAYO & WEAVER.



## A Danger Period Through Which Every Woman Must Pass.

Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms. At this period a woman indicates a tendency towards obesity or tumorous growths. Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop forever, are only a few of the symptoms of a dangerous nervous trouble. The nervous are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life, and all women who use it pass through this trying period with comfort and safety.

## TWO COLUMNS OF PROOF.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was sick and nothing seemed to do me any good until I began taking Mrs. Pinkham's medicine. "It was Change of Life with me and falling of the womb. I had severe pains all through my body. I had a terrible cough and people thought I had consumption. "I took six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and two boxes Liver Pills, and I am now stouter than I have been for a long time. I can do all my work now, thanks to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. "If any one wishes to write me, to verify these statements, I will gladly answer their letters." MRS. CLARA CHEZEM, Jewett, Ill.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For seven years I had been suffering, was passing through the Change of Life, and my womb had fallen; menses were so profuse that at times I was obliged to lie on my back for six weeks at a time, could not raise my head from pillow. I had been treated by several physicians, but got no relief. "I was advised by friends to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and after taking it six weeks I was able to be around all the time and do my household work. "I wish every woman suffering from female trouble would try it. I recommend it to all my friends." MRS. WM. DAILY, Millbank, S.D.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it a duty I owe you and every suffering woman in the land to tell of the wonderful results I have found in using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills. "Passing through the Change of Life, some of the physicians consulted said nothing but an operation would save me. But your medicine alone cured me."—MRS. MAGNOLIA DEAN, 1441 First Avenue, Evansville, Ind.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

## A Banking Innovation.

The latest innovation in banking circles has been inaugurated by the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank of this city—namely, the distribution of small though strong savings banks to its patrons and small depositors.

The plan is simple, and has been tried in many cities over the North and East. Circulars are being distributed giving a complete explanation. By depositing \$1 in the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank on account a bank is delivered at the home of the depositor. A strict account is retained and deposits can be made at any time thereafter.

The banks are constructed on a principle that absolutely prohibits the removal of a coin once placed therein, and the key is kept by the bank.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Mabel Beckett, of West Point to Prof. J. C. Fant, of Meridian, has been made public, the wedding to occur this spring.

## Who Killed Cock Robin?

Well, most everyone has been killing cock robin the past week. The redbreast has met a Waterloo of extermination and it will not be surprising if he returned from whence he came at an early date.

The robin season lasts only a few weeks every year. It opens as winter is beginning to break and the severe weather in the North a few weeks ago drove them to this section by the millions. In this section they have swarmed and their presence has given the man behind the gun unlimited sport. Hunting parties have been in every direction every day the past week and have made large bags of these birds. So general has been the sport that Master Red-Breast is becoming wild and scary and it is doubtful if he will be picked up much longer with the aid of a gun.

Etominces, mozonettes, mistralis, colian crepes and violi for skirts at Beard's.

## AROUND THE CITY.

Hearon & Locke sell "Trade Mark" cigars for 5c.

Mr. Wm. Pentecost is expected home to-day from a trip down the river in the interest of his cotton business.

Mr. T. Os. Smith, one of the influential men of the Caledonia section, spent last Thursday in the city on business.

THE DISPATCH is pleased to state that Capt. J. N. Flood is convalescent after an illness lasting him several days.

Sheriff Salmon, of Pickens county, was a visitor to the city the past week, coming up on the Steamer "Vienna."

Mr. L. C. Phillips, of Eupora, who recently purchased a lot from Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, will soon move to the city and build.

Mr. Frank Richards is welcomed home from a visit to the Delta, being the guest of relatives at Baird during his absence.

Mr. John V. Price, representing the Meridian branch of R. G. Dun & Co., paid THE DISPATCH a pleasant call Thursday.

Mrs. M. A. Kreeker left last Wednesday for Mobile, where she will spend the carnival season with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Killion.

Justice L. W. Payne sent up Chas. Greenlee from District No. 3 the past week for forfeiting a peace bond of \$100.00. Greenlee will go the farm.

The City Council met last night to consult with Mr. L. S. Benham, of Petoskey, Mich., relative to numbering the streets for the free delivery of the mail.

Mr. J. Albert Loeb, the enterprising shoe man of the firm of Simon Loeb & Bro., has been spending the past few days in Montgomery and Meridian on a pleasure trip.

Mr. R. T. Williams, the efficient and accommodating cashier of the First State Bank, has been missed from his place of business for the past few days. Mr. Williams has been a sufferer from la grippe.

Mr. John Morton, who now holds a responsible position in the L. & N. shops at New Decatur, Ala., is spending a few days in this city, his old home. Mr. Morton likes his new home and is prospering and doing splendidly there.

THE DISPATCH with his many friends regrets to learn that Mr. Graham Jones has been on the sick list for the past week. Mr. Jones is a sufferer from la grippe and has been quite sick. Many friends join in the hope of an early recovery.

Gen. Wm. Henry will soon arrive in the city on a visit to Gen. J. S. Billups. He will come to talk over the National Guard situation and to prepare for the encampment this summer. National Guardsmen throughout the South are greatly pleased with the new militia bill which recently passed congress. This bill will insure to them regular pay from the government during the period of their encampments.

Miss Lottie Kaufman had a number of friends to spend a delightful evening with her last Tuesday, the gathering being a compliment to Miss Wineman, the Indianapolis visitor. The Kaufman home is famed for its hospitality and this entertainment added to its reputation. Dancing and delicious refreshments were added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mr. Rupert Richards, who has been doing good work selling the product of the Columbus Hosiery Mill out on the road, is home for a visit. A representative of this paper visited this enterprise a few days ago and found it one of the best equipped and most modern establishments in the South. Messrs. Molloy and Bell have the enterprise well in hand now and it is paying a handsome dividend.

A pretty wedding was celebrated last Thursday out at Gordo, Ala., when Miss Nettie Bell and Mr. Jas. Free were happily married at the Methodist church in the presence of a large number of friends. Both are well known in that section, represent leading families and their nuptials was the occasion of general good wishes and congratulations from their friends. Immediately after the ceremony they left on the south bound train for Mobile where they go to enjoy Mardi Gras.

There is a movement on the part of the Woodmen here to invite Congressman Morris Shephard, of Texarkana, to this city, to deliver the address at the unveiling of several Woodmen monuments which have been erected here in the past few years. Mr. Shephard is one of the sovereign officers of the order, is only 27 years old, is the youngest member of Congress and is one of the best speakers in the country. Mr. H. F. Simral has the matter in hand and is trying to induce Mr. Shephard to visit Columbus.

## Bankrupt's Petition For Discharge.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of the Northern District of Mississippi. In the matter of Daniel Cushing, Bankrupt. To the Honorable Henry C. Niles, Judge of the Northern District of Mississippi. Daniel Cushing, of Columbus, in the County of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, in said Division and District, respectfully represents that on the 14th day of November last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy. That he has duly surrendered all his property, and rights of property and has complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court concerning his Bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable in said estate under said Bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. DANIEL CUSHING, Bankrupt.

## Order of Notice Thereon.

Northern District of Mississippi. On this 11th day of February, A. D. 1903, on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 22d day of March, A. D. 1903, before said Court at Aberdeen, in said Division and District, at 10 o'clock the forenoon, and that notice thereof be published in the "Courts" and in a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the same time and place and be heard in person, or by their attorneys, and that the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition, and order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Henry C. Niles, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof at Aberdeen, in said Division and District, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. CHAS. S. BURKS, Clerk. By S. THOMAS SYKES, D. C.

## Chancery Notice.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lowndes County, Ala.

To John Barham, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Ala.: You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in said State, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1903, to defend the suit of Annie L. Patten for divorce wherein you are a defendant. This 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. E. S. MOORE, Clerk. By JOE HARRIS, D. C.

## Chancery Notice.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lowndes County, Ala.

To J. E. Hudson, Albany, Georgia: You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in said State, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1903, to defend the suit of Annie L. Patten for divorce wherein you are a defendant. This 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. E. S. MOORE, Clerk. By JOE HARRIS, D. C.

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To Robert L. Patten, Postoffice Address, Jacksonville, Tennessee: You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in said State, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1903, to defend the suit of Annie L. Patten for divorce wherein you are a defendant. This 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. E. S. MOORE, Clerk. By JOE HARRIS, D. C.

## Chancery Notice.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lowndes County, Ala.

To Alfred Ledbetter, Postoffice unknown: You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in said State, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1903, to defend the suit of Annie L. Patten for divorce wherein you are a defendant. This 11th day of February, A. D. 1903. E. S. MOORE, Clerk. W. C. Meek, Solicitor for Complainant. 11444.

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TIME OF TRAINS AT COLUMBUS.  
NORTH BOUND.  
No. 4, Leaves (daily) 4:27 p. m.  
No. 24, Leaves (daily) 10:28 a. m.  
No. 12, L's (wk. d's mxd) 2:25 p. m.  
No. 38, Leaves week days, 7:10 a. m.  
SOUTH BOUND.  
No. 3, Leaves (daily) 12:01 p. m.  
No. 23, Arr's (wk. d's mxd) 6:08 a. m.  
No. 11, L's (wk. d's mxd) 10:28 a. m.  
No. 35, Leaves week days, 5:20 p. m.  
C. S. CLARKE, General Manager, ST. LOUIS.  
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